**THE DANGERS OF UNEMPLOYMENT**



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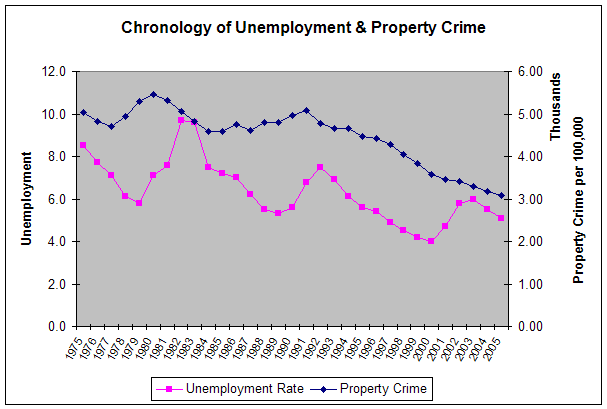
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What does unemployment really mean? An unemployed person might be someone who has retired, someone who needs a job, or someone who is looking for a job. In fact, unemployment occurs when a person is unable to find work. It is often used as a measure of the health of the economy. The unemployment rate is defined as the level of unemployment divided by the labor force. This issue is the biggest issue which all countries around the world are suffering from, such as the United States, Japan, the United Kingdom, China, and Germany! Unemployment has a lot of causes and effects on our life and continue to lead to a huge crisis for all countries in the world. In a 2011 news story, *BusinessWeek* reported, "More than 200 million people globally are out of work.” In fact, unemployment contributes to a weak economy, criminal cases and increased individual and social problems. All of those affect the security of the country so we need some suggestions helping us to reduce the unemployment rate.

Unemployment is a term used to describe the state of a person who is not involved in paid work. This could be due to a number of reasons—illness, disability and lack of qualifications of the economic climate of their country. Currently, research has shown that “the rates of unemployment in countries such as America and Great Britain are very high. This is because employers generally have less money to spend on workers, so may refuse to hire extra staff, or may make others redundant (Kennedy)." The unemployment rate in America is over 10%, in Britain more than 9.5% and even larger numbers occur in so many other countries, rich or poor. Therefore, there must be a solutions fast to reduce these scary, growing rates.

What are the negative effects of unemployment? Unemployment increases an individual's susceptibility to a lot of things such as malnutrition, illness, mental stress, and loss of self-esteem, leading to depression which is helping an unemployed individual to committing crimes. Unemployed individuals are unable to earn money to meet their daily needs. Therefore, as I read in a background article about this issue: "The unemployed in the U.S. often use welfare programs such as food stamps or accumulating debt because unemployment insurance in the U.S. generally does not replace a majority of the income one received on the job and one cannot receive such aid indefinitely (Wikipedia)." People who are homeless are most often unable to acquire and maintain regular, safe, and adequate housing include persons who sleep in a public or private place not designed for use as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings. When people cannot meet their mortgage payments or pay rent, obviously homelessness greatly increases through foreclosure or eviction as we continue to see in so many countries.

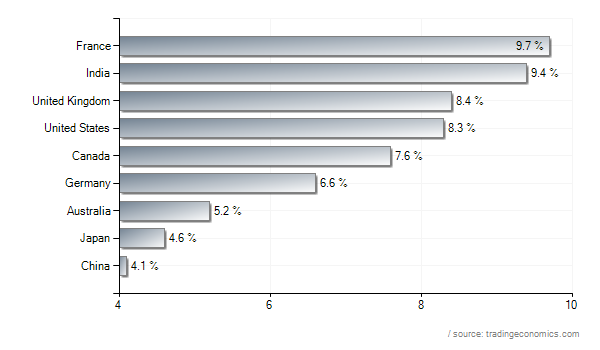
One of the negative effects of unemployment on a social level is that causes a greater reliance on government assistance. This increases economic stress on social programs as well as on taxpayers. This effect can also cause a great deal of social stress in terms of questioning job status on a mass scale, which can trigger a drop in consumer spending causing less economic growth. High unemployment can cause social problems such as crime if people have less disposable income than before; it is very possible that crime levels within the economy will increase. High levels of unemployment can be causes of civil unrest, in some cases leading to revolutions like what we are living in this time. Figure 1-1 shows us Chronology of Unemployment & Property Crime.



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Most of the biggest countries manufacture products outside their country. The USA is one of them and this mistake in economic planning has been especially damaging. The U.S. allowed the biggest companies to make their products outside the United States, especially in China. This decision contributes to increase the growth rate of unemployment. The one of the causes of unemployment in the United States are outsourcing one such practice where work is allocated to companies which are based in less developed economies, to benefit cheaper manpower hours. This practice has led to loss of job opportunities.

In the Washington Post on the 23 January, 2012, President Obama declared in a speech in his State of the Union Address: "We **gave a huge opportunity to bring manufacturing back. The CEO told me that it now makes business sense for him to bring jobs back home.GM is back on top, Chrysler is flourishing and Ford has invested billions in U.S plants and factories. All of these companies will help us to create nearly 160,000 Jobs."** This decision came late and much more work must be done. The U.S. government is trying to correct this big wrong and avoid an even greater crisis. Of course the U.S. government cannot solve this problem alone. Therefore, we must find a joint cooperation with businessmen. So this suggestion will help us to improve the rate of unemployment to better. Figure 1-2 shows unemployment rates in major countries.



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The second mistake which the USA made was the war against Iraq and Afghanistan. Carole Fleck fromthe New York Times believes that the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars were the biggest mistake from USA Government by the Bush administration. The United States Armed Forces which were involved in the Afghanistan invasion roughly amounted to 78,430. The permanent military installation of Kandahar Air Field amounted to $780 million and as of 2009, $1.6 billion had been spent on military installations in Afghanistan. In the 2003 invasion of Iraq, 248,000 troops were deployed in Iraq. These facts indicate that the decision of war against the two countries was a wrong decision which led to large losses in the economy the United States

Sengupta Saptakee holds a master’s degree in Biotechnology and is also pursuing a PG Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights. Saptakee says, “Unemployment affects the economy in several ways including wealth drainage, slack in flow of money, wage inflation, reduction in consumer expenditure, underutilization of resources, and increase in debts and decrease in return on investment.” Failed mortgages on housing and instances of bankruptcy and deflation create huge economic problems. In fact, the effect of unemployment on an economy is of such significance that it even helps the government shape monetary and fiscal policies. All facets of the economy have a domino effect on each other. Nevertheless, changes in unemployment are of critical importance to the growth and prosperity of the economy.

Racial discrimination is one of the most serious cause of unemployment. People who are not citizens of that particular country remain unemployed due to discrimination on grounds of race, religion, caste and ethnicity. It becomes very difficult to find out a decent job under such circumstances. So the unemployment insurances could help them to find a job.

Dr. Virginia Bola operated a rehabilitation company, developing innovative job search techniques for disabled workers, for 20 years. Bola served as a Vocational Expert for Social Security, Civil Court, and pioneered vocational testimony in Workers’ Compensation Hearings. She is author of *The Wolf at the Door*. She has suggested several proposals. The first one is to,” Create a National Office of Employment to develop long term strategies and oversight of the U.S. Secondly she suggests focusing on "the labor market in order to track trends, analyze data, research emerging problems, and prepare early." Her third suggestion is to pursue "interventions that identify growing and potential industries and the skills they will need in future staff." In my point of view we should stop ending jobs through robots, computerization and automated systems such as cashier machines. Those inventions contribute to increase the rate of unemployment.

In conclusion, it is obvious that unemployment  is one of our biggest problems.  
This crisis is difficult for all countries resolved, but there are a few suggestions that will help to reduce them. This crisis has a huge influence in our society. It also contributes to the increase in cases of crime, increase in community problems, family problems and the weakness of the economy. There is a difference in the rate of unemployment from one country to another and therefore as a result the population of states and power of its economy. Therefore, it is the most important functions of heads of State are to find solutions to this crisis with cooperation with businessmen to reduce out of this crisis. I know this issue is so big, but it is time to solve or reduce unemployment rates because nobody knows what the future will hold if we do nothing.

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